

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8224**
Toru SUZUKI et al. : Docket No. 2001-0554A
Serial No. 09/854,528 : Group Art Unit 1731
Filed May 15, 2001 : Examiner John M. Hoffman

ORIENTED SINTERED CERAMIC
PRODUCT AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

Mail Stop Amendment

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 21, 2004, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, Applicants submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the disclosures of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.

The rejection of claims 1, 2, 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Topchiashvili et al. is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner takes the position that Topchiashvili et al. teach the solvent, the solidifying and the dispersing, and that the rest of the limitations (e.g. non-ferromagnetic and not cubic powder, colloid process, sintering...) are discussed elsewhere. The Examiner also asserts that it is well known that the Topchiashvili et al. powders are inherently non-ferromagnetic and not cubic, and the Examiner takes Official Notice of such.